

House District 20

Max F. Gruenberg, Jr., Democrat



DATE OF BIRTH: September 25, 1943

PLACE OF BIRTH: San Francisco, California

NAME OF SPOUSE: Kayla Epstein

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OCCUPATION: Family lawyer

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 34 years
Anchorage 1970 to present

EDUCATION:

Acalanes High School (Lafayette, California), 1961, Diploma; Stanford University, 1961-1965, B.A. Political Science (certificate in public administration); UCLA Law School, 1967-1970, J.D.

MILITARY SERVICE:

Navy, 2 years, Lt.(j.g.), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal (3 battle stars).

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Alaska House of Representatives, 1985-92, 2003 - present (fifth most senior House member). Committee memberships: Judiciary, Ways and Means, State Affairs, Military & Veterans' Affairs. House Majority Leader, 1987-88, 1991-92. President, Alaska Legal Services Corporation; Chair, Governor's Mental Health

Advisory Council; Legislative Assistant to Senator Ted Stevens; Law Clerk to Alaska Supreme Court. Secretary, Russian Jack Community Council.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Co-chair, Alaska Bar Association Family Law Section; Fellow, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Fairview Lions Club; Board of Directors, Alaska Common Ground; Veterans of Foreign Wars.

OTHER:

Eagle Scout

STATEMENT:

Are you frustrated with special interests manipulating government?

Are you tired of partisan politics and petty bickering? Do you feel that no one is listening to your concerns?

I've been listening to you. You've said that education and public safety are your top priorities. You've said that you don't want to be taxed unfairly. You've said that you want your legislators to work together for the good of the district and the state.

As your Representative, I've worked with people from all political parties and from all parts of the state. And it has paid off! With bipartisan support, I've been able to pass eleven important pieces of legislation-to strengthen child pornography laws, and to require carbon monoxide detection devices in most homes. I passed legislation to make government more accessible by increasing the civil jurisdiction of district and small claims courts. As you requested, I've also voted to protect your PFD.

I've worked closely with schools, community councils, and neighborhood leaders to meet our local needs. I've supported increased funding for our schools. Next session I'll re-introduce legislation requiring the state to adopt a fiscal plan and legislation to encourage police to buy their own homes in areas that need extra police protection.

It has been a busy two years. Interesting and productive.

Thank you for letting me represent Mountain View, Russian Jack, and Turpin. I'd be honored to continue to represent you.

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